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THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
STATE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS
HELENA, MONTANA
JULY 1, 1953

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PERSONNEL

Administrative:

Ruby A. Miller	Superintendent +	\$350.00
Annette Lewis	Field Visitor +	325.00
Nell McKnight	Business Manager +	275.00
Louise Branson	Office Assistant +	135.00

Health: (Maintenance)

Dr. S. A. Cooney	Physician (Examinations)	\$ 65.00
Dr. S. P. Keane	Dentist	40.00
Dr. E. A. Kuntz	Oculist - See report on glasses, etc.	

Education:

Mildred Fredregill	High School Principal <i>no</i>	\$300.00
Dora Young	Grade Room —	250.00
Elaine Hoover	Commercial	275.00
Mrs. Pat Sias <i>Henry</i>	Home Making <i>no</i>	270.00 <i>280</i>
Mrs. Newell	Science, Math, History - 1/2 day	200.00 <i>+ 175.00</i>
Mr. Morley Cooper	Square Dancing - 2 hours. Twice a month	20.00
Mr. Bob Clark	Instrumental Music - 1 day week	30.00
Mrs. Leary - 1/2 day <i>Lybey</i>	First Aid and Child Care - 1 Semester	200.00
9 weeks Summer School		<i>260</i>
Mrs. Sonna Howe	Librarian, Cataloguing, etc.	\$200.00
Miss Willamette Morse	Commercial	200.00
Mrs. Sias	Home Making	200.00

Cottage Staff:

5 in and Cottages - 8 hrs shift

Salary plus subsistence

Mrs. Emma Dunn	Maria Dean Head House Mother	\$162.50
Mrs. Lucille Howery	Maria Dean Afternoon Matron	140.00
Miss Helen Jensen	Relief Matron and Laundry Supervisor	140.00
Mrs. Keckler	Night Matron	100.00
Mrs. Marie Hanson	Kitchen Supervisor	140.00
Mrs. Margaret Webb	Canady Hall, Head Matron	\$162.50
Mrs. Mary Jackson	Canady Hall, Morning Matron	140.00
Mrs. Mary Fletcher	Relief Matron	140.00
Mrs. Irene Cowell	Kitchen Supervisor	140.00
Mrs. Winifred Ward	Night Matron	100.00

Engineering and Maintenance Staff:

Martin Van Diest	Engineer - Salary and Sub. for family	\$275.00
Brice Vercellin	Commissary - Garden, etc. for family	210.00
Joe John	Helper and Chore Man	125.00

Religious Training:

Rev. Henry Koslow	Baptist Chaplain	\$ 10.00
Rev. Edwin Jorstad	Assembly of God Chaplain	10.00
Rev. G. S. Morrell	Methodist Chaplain	10.00
Rev. Nels Norbeck	Lutheran Chaplain	10.00

Youth for Christ Chaplains came once a week for Bible Study.

Lutheran Welfare Worker, Rev. Norman came once a week for conference with the Lutheran girls.



POPULATION REPORT

Admitted since school opened in 1920

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Yearly Report	July 1, 1952	October 1, 1952	January 1, 1953	April 1, 1953	July 1, 1953
Enrollment	81	83	67	66	69
Resident	22	27	32	37	20
Parole	34	41	27	20	33
Absent (vacation, work, awol)	25	15	8	9	16

25 new girls admitted July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953

<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
Cascade	3
Glacier	3
Hill	3
Lake	3
Flathead	2
Lewis and Clark	2
Richland	2
Custer	1
Dawson	1
Deer Lodge	1
Gallatin	1
Roosevelt	1
Valley	1
Yellowstone	1
	<u>25</u>

Living with parents	9
Other family; foster home, relatives, etc.	3
Living with mother and stepfather	10
Living with father and stepmother	3

<u>Age when admitted</u>	<u>Number of girls</u>
13	2
14	8
15	8
16	6
17	1
	<u>25</u>

School grade when admitted

7th	2
8th	7
9th	11
10th	4
12th	1
	<u>25</u>



SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
1952-1953

State Vocational School for Girls

HONORABLE MEMBERS OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

It is my duty and privilege to submit to you the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Vocational School for Girls of the state of Montana for the period beginning July 1, 1952 and ending July 1, 1953.

May I be a bit unconventional and, with your permission, play Chaplain by beginning our Report with an Invocation? Thank you.

God Bless the members of the State Board of Education, our local Executive Board and every taxpayer in the state of Montana who contributes to and makes possible this program, which we are carrying out for the rehabilitation of our little Montana girls. Bless every official who in any way is engaged in furthering the cause.

May God always direct us aright and may we never lose sight of the fact that "Delinquents have Souls."

God help us to feed their famished affections.

AMEN

In the 34th Annual Report we set forth the Policy of the school as we are functioning. It might be unnecessary to repeat the ideas expressed then.

In carrying out a program for the rehabilitation of young teen-age girls, those engaged in the work have to be ever mindful that these young girls have been miserably short-changed in the past and have definite needs to be met now. We are treating them as important, normal individuals and are getting normal responses from them.

The following eight goals tell briefly the reasons back of the efforts to build a satisfying and productive program:

1. Program as a counteragent against destruction and sex:
Young girls engaged in activities which they enjoy will forget some of the basic urges of human nature.
2. Program as a disciplinary device:
"Withdrawal of privilege" is taking place of the old cruelty and restrictiveness of former disciplinary systems.
3. Program as a concession to human rights:
Pursuit of happiness is one of the basic rights of an individual and a democratic society.
4. Programming as a tool in the educative process:
Cultivation of music, crafts, useful discussion groups, appreciation of better ways of living through Homemaking, Beauty Culture, First Aid, Child Care, Camping, etc., lend opportunities indirectly to better, more wholesome living.
5. Program in the service of socialization:
Use of activities which are fun--swimming, square-dancing, soft ball, basketball, dramatics, etc.--are helpful in pulling girls out of individual isolation and bringing them in contact with other people.
6. Programming as a crutch for the emotionally handicapped:
The group psychological value of a club or group experience is as necessary a part of their developmental diet as is that of any other child.



7. Programming as a counteragent against wrong life situations:
Our girls need our program as a protection from the disastrous effects of wrong life situations. We see this in nearly every girl's problem when she comes to us. We see, too, how happy they are to return to the atmosphere where they have been accepted as important individuals with something to offer.
8. Programming as a diagnostic and cathartic device:
The diagnostic value of many recreational activities has by now been so fully accepted that we need not try to justify it here.

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History of the School

We are interested in preserving the history of the school and hope to have it in a written form ere long. To that extent we have tried to procure pictures of the people who played an important part in the development of the school. At present we have a fine picture of Governor Sam Stewart for whom the Main Hall was named. We are anxious to have pictures of Hugh Adair to hang in Adair Hall; Dr. Maria Dean, to hang in Maria Dean Cottage; also one of Mrs. George W. Canady for Canady Hall.

Mrs. Montgomery was very gracious in her attempt to secure some of these pictures for us. We are grateful to her.

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Christmas Program

"Christmas is a Miracle" a musical version of the Christmas Story, was presented December 20, 1952 of this school year. The girls were very good in this production and received some very fine compliments on the staging, lighting, and acting. As time goes on we hope to have more friends from town see some of our plays and pageants.

It has become a tradition with the school that the Freshmen shall each year, with their sponsor, make a trip to the mountains for the Christmas greens and trees. This they did this year and reported a most wonderful time.

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Glacier Park Trip

With the help of the matrons, who so graciously loaned their cars, we were able to give the girls a one-day trip to Glacier Park. Leaving early in the morning, we were able to make the trip through Browning to East Entrance over the Logan Pass to Lake McDonald, and then around by Summit and back to Eastern Entrance and home via Choteau and Augusta. We took all the food necessary for the three meals. We had our breakfast at Little Badger Creek en route; our lunch at Two Medicine Camp Grounds; and a kind friend loaned us a large Indian Lodge for our evening meal, which thrilled the girls no end. It was well worth the trouble and effort. Some of the girls were very happy to think that if they hadn't been here they might never have seen the wonderful scenery of Glacier Park.

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Field Visitor

The work of our Field Visitor, Miss Annette Lewis, the past year includes travel of 11,416 miles. Visits were made to 41 homes and families of girls, 83 visits with girls on placement and parole, 30 visits to probation offices. We feel that it is very important to our girls and their families that our interest in them continues after they leave the school. This is necessary if they are to make a satisfactory community adjustment. We have in many cases done as much to rehabilitate the whole family as we have the individual girl. We have a very fine relationship with the homes and this is one of the important factors in the rehabilitation program.

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Community Participation

Our goal is always the return of the girls to community life and we try to plan parts of our program to make this adjustment more satisfactory. Our school is an accredited school and very much like community schools.

For medical and dental care we use regular facilities in the city of Helena. This makes a difficult transportation problem for us, but in other respects is very satisfactory.

For several years now we have had memberships in the Helena Art Center. Our girls are accepted as members of the group and enjoy participation with other persons in the community in drawing, painting, pottery and jewelry making.

We also have tickets to the Community Concert series. Our girls belong to the Junior American Red Cross and have packed boxes for the exchange program of that group.

From time to time our Catholic girls are taken to church in town. Girls are taken to town for religious services in the churches of their choice. Easter Sunday, Midnight Mass, and Good Friday are on our special list.

Our girls all have checking accounts for their own money at the school office. When they wish to purchase personal items, we take them to town. The local merchants have always been very courteous and helpful in these shopping expeditions. Such activity gives us another area to teach our girls about community behavior, use of money, and consumer problems.

We use the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool during the winter months and during the summer we go to Black Sandy Beach on Hauser Lake. These activities bring us in contact with the public. For some girls this is a problem, when they already feel so rejected by their community, and when they expect to be pointed out as reform school kids. Many people and situations contribute in helping us overcome this feeling and help our girls to feel at ease.

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Our Educational Department

A full four-year high school and grade school was maintained through the year 1952-53. Five girls graduated from the high school and 11 girls graduated from the eighth grade. In addition to the regular courses, the girls had classes in Swimming, Square Dancing, Basketball, Soft Ball, Badminton, Croquet, and Pageantry. Beauty Culture, which is a part of the Home Making Department, is now called Better Grooming. We do not, unless some girl shows marked interest in Beauty Culture, try to make operators out of our girls. We would run into trouble with the Montana Association of Beauticians if we did so. We do, however, ask our Beauty Culture Instructor to teach these girls how to give satisfactory Home Permanents, how to manicure nails, cut hair, finger wave and pin curl, as well as shampoo and care for their equipment and shop.

These girls need to know what they will be most expected to do on the "outside," as they call it. If they have children of their own, and they definitely will, it will be to their advantage to be able to cut hair, shampoo and give the "Home Kit" variety of permanents.

They are learning Household Sewing, how to mend and turn sheets when they become thin in the middle, how to mend their anklets on the sewing machine. We are trying to make our school fit the practical needs of these girls when they become the mothers of tomorrow.

First Aid, Child Care, and Baby Sitting are important courses, we feel, for this particular type of girl.

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Outstanding Events of the Year

Mental Hygiene Meetings with teachers and staff every Wednesday from 8:45-10:15 with Dr. Wilder presiding.

Probation Officers' Meeting, November 18, 1952 - John Schapps of San Francisco, Speaker.

Dinner for Judges, November 22, 1952.

Christmas Pageant, "Christmas Is a Miracle," presented on Gym stage to an audience of over one hundred Helena people.

Vacations for most of the girls, with all returning on time.

Educational films every Thursday at Assembly Period.

Entertainment films each week-end.

Sunday - Church Services every Sunday. During the summer the girls had charge of the Devotions, selected the hymns and prepared the scriptural readings.

Easter Sunday all went to Church of their choice in town.

Square Dancing every 2nd and 4th Wednesday all winter.

Program given for Veterans' Hospital and also the Masonic Home.

Attendance at Community Concerts for Honor Students of each Cottage.

One-Day Trip to Glacier Park.

Swimming at Hauser Lake when weather permitted in fall and summer.

Swimming classes at Y.M.C.A. every Tuesday and Thursday.

In connection with graduation: Baccalaureate Service with Tea following, Class Day Breakfast, Sneak Day, etc.

The Youth for Christ Director for this region brought out at least once a month the very finest talent available for meetings with the girls. They truly enjoyed these meetings.

We are truly proud of the conduct of our girls at school and in the cottages.

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Medical and Health Services

Annual Report

July 1, 1952 to July 1, 1953

Physician

New Admissions examined	25
Re-admissions examined	6
Treatments and examinations	132
Surgical care - pregnancy	1
Surgical care - other	1

Special services

Hospitalization	47 days for 6 girls
Mental Hygiene Clinic	5
Chiroprapist	1
Osteopath	1
State Hospital, Warm Springs	1
State Training School, Boulder (operation)	1

Optometrist

Examinations	25
Glasses prescribed	19
Repairs	6

Dentist

Examinations and treatments (including extractions and fillings)	124
Dentures and partial plates	4



VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

TRIAL BALANCE

June 30, 1953

11	General Administration	Operation	\$ 26,008.54
12	" "	Capital	241.82
13	" "	Rprs. and Rpls.	5.45
14	" "	Inventory	2,693.24
21	Educational System	Operation	16,927.89
22	" "	Capital	164.03
23	" "	Rprs. and Rpls.	85.80
24	" "	Inventory	5,724.93
21-A	Farm	Operation	2,751.55
31	Physical Plant	Operation	14,702.59
32	" "	Capital	1,981.78
33	" "	Rprs. and Rpls.	7,110.23
34	" "	Inventory	473,728.89
41	Subsistence	Operation	31,080.75
521-1	General Administration	General Appropriation	\$ 91,910.57
521-2	" "	Appropriation P.E.R.S.	1,079.96
521-3	" "	Teachers' Retirement	479.85
521-4	" "	Roofing Repair	5,820.00
528	Income Due from Counties		5,175.50
532	Farm Products Consumed at School		32.50
54	Lease of Land		1,450.00
611	Cash in Office		156.67
612	Cash in Bank		565.91
625	Accounts Receivable		26,640.71
625-1	Accounts Receivable - Special		616.02
628	Remittance to Revolving Fund		5,031.50
63	Reserve for Advance		500.00
72	Claims Pending		
73	Inmates Deposits		468.38
74	Reserve for Advance		42.59
75	Due the State of Montana		500.00
8	Surplus		509,758.95
			<u>\$616,718.30</u>
			<u>\$616,718.30</u>

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

June 30, 1953

521-1	General Administration	Appropriation	\$ 91,910.73
521-2	" "	P.E.R.S.	1,396.71
521-3	" "	Teachers' Retirement	529.49
521-4	" "	Roofing Repair	5,820.00
			<u>\$ 99,656.93</u>
521-1	Total Expenditures to Date	Operation	\$ 91,910.57
521-2	" " " "	P.E.R.S.	1,079.96
521-3	" " " "	Teachers' Retirement	479.85
521-4	" " " "	Roofing Repair	5,280.00
			<u>\$ 99,290.38</u>
11	General Administration	Operation	\$ 26,008.54
13	" "	Rprs. and Rpls.	5.45
21	Educational System	Operation	16,927.89
23	" "	Rprs. and Rpls.	85.80
21-A	Farm		2,751.55
31	Physical Plant	Operation	14,702.59
33	" "	Rprs. and Rpls.	7,110.23
41	Subsistence		31,080.75
			<u>\$ 98,672.80</u>
12	General Administration	Capital	\$ 241.82
22	Educational System	"	164.03
32	Physical Plant	"	1,981.78
			<u>2,387.63</u>
			<u>\$101,060.43</u>
521-1	Expenditures to Date		
521-2	" " "		
521-3	" " "		\$99,290.38
521-4	" " "		
625-1	Cost Accts. Trading	1,737.55	
32	Production for Consumption	32.50	
			<u>1,770.05</u>
			<u>\$ 99,290.38</u>
	Total Cost of Operation	\$98,672.80	
	Inmates Days 10531	7556	
	Per Capita Cost	12.56 9.53	

